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12856 9 FEB .70 UNANNOUNCED Copy No. 12) SRLOY 03 OL NUSL Problem No. 0AZ0003001D0 104`03′01-12856 NAVY UNDERWATER SOUND LABORATORY NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT BIOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTED ON THE 3 PARKA I TRANSIT. 9 S рд 2 David/Giuliano 3 NUSL Technical Memo **O** 2 INTRODUCTION The investigation into the Deep Scattering Layer (DSL) of the world's oceans has become widespread with much data already collected (Backus Hersey, 1966). Although more data is needed, future research should involve a coordinated effort between acousticians taking reverberation data, and oceanographers taking biological data. In line with this N thinking NUSL initiated a sampling program on the transit of the USNS

SANDS from New London, Connecticut to Honolulu, Hawaii, (1 July 1968-2 August 1968. Acoustic and biological data was obtained concurrently at 10 stations along the cruise track (Figure 1) to assess the geographic distribution of reverberation and the influence of the biological community on this distribution. **a**

METHODS

It was planned to utilize a newly designed net, The Micro Nekton Net, but at the last minute, a malfunction necessitated its removal from the ship and instead an open 10 foot Isaacs-Kidd Midwater Trawl (IKMT) was used. The Micro-Nekton Net would have allowed 3 discrete samples from each depth or one discrete sample from each of 3 depths. This feature would have allowed a quantitative assessment of the biomass of different portions of the DSL, and of the migrating vs non-migrating segments of this layer. The use of the non-closing single sample IKMT necessitated

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one oblique haul where the depth from which the animals were captured and the precise concentration remained unknown.

Since silent ship conditions were required for the acoustic tests, the net tows were taken immediately after the acoustic tests. All tows except Station 1 were made just after sunset and were of 3 hours duration. The procedure was to lower the net to the bottom of the DSL and begin towing. The net would tow for 30 minutes at each of five equally spaced depths from the bottom of the DSL to the surface. At Station 1 a deep day tow was undertaken. The net was lowered at 0930 local time. It reached a depth of 850m at 1200 hrs. and after 30 minutes at that depth was retrieved slowly reaching the surface at 1430 hrs.

The samples were preserved in 10% formalin and stored for later laboratory analysis. Upon return to NUSL the animals were identified according to taxonomic groups; the more important scatterers were identified to species.

Depth monitoring of the net was accomplished with a Benthos depthtelemetering pinger which sends out two acoustic pulses. The time between the pulses measured on an oscilloscope, indicates the depth. A Benthos time-depth recorder (TDR) was also attached to the net for a permanent record of depths samples.

RESLTS AND DISCUSSION

As shown in the tables of results, all samples were taken at night between the bottom of the DSL and the surface except for the sample at station 1 which was taken during the day at depths of 850m to the surface. It should be noted, however, that the figures for number of animals per 1000m³ are minimum numbers. These numbers were calculated assuming a homogeneous distribution over the whole sample range from the deepest sampling depth to the surface. Since these animals are known to occur in shallow bands perhaps only 10-50m thick these numbers may underestimate the population of scatterers by as much as an order of magnitude or more. Except for station 1, the Tables show the mean size of the swim bladder for all animals possessing one.

The data shows that the Myctophids were present at each station. Over the whole series of stations, these known scatterers were the most consistent single contributors to scattering. Among the other scatterers, Argyropalicus spp., the hatchet fish, were caught in small numbers, 0.013 per 1000m³, at station 6 (Table 5) and in very large concentrations, 1.13 per 1000m³, at station 4 (Table 3). Station 4 was found to have relatively high scattering strength, -65db at 13.5 kHs (Dullea and Cron, 1969), compared to other stations, which undoubtedly was caused by the hatchet fish with a lesser contribution from the

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Myctophids. At station 5 the greatest concentration of scatterers occurred. At this station an air bladdered fish, Vincigueria attenuata, was present in very large numbers, 5.11 per 1000m³. Myctophids also occurred here in the greatest concentration of the whole series, 0.499 per 1000m³ (Table 4). Present in very large numbers were Euphausiids, 2.7 per 1000m³, and the Galatheid crab, Pleurencoides planipes, 15.48 per 1000m³, but their relative contribution to scattering is not known. At this station Dullea and Cron found the greatest reverberation of any of the stations, -50db at 13.5 kHz. At station 6 the reverberation fell back to the low level which was found at most of the stations along the track, -80db-70db at 13.5 and 15.5 kHz. The numbers of fish, in this case Myctophids, C.094 per 1000m³, and Vincigueria attenuata, 0.313 per 1000m³ also were much less than at either station 4 or 5. Similar conditions existed for the remainder of the stations on the track.

The Myctophids are distributed along the whole track of stations rather evenly with the exception of station 5 (Table 4) where high concentrations were found and at station 6 where concentrations were low (Table 5). Argyropelicus app. were only present in appreciable numbers at station 4 (Table 3) where high levels of reverberation occurred Vinciguerria attenuata was present at stations 5, 6, and 9 (Tables 4, 5, and 8) but only in large concentrations at station 5 where it contributed or was responsible for the highest levels of reverberation found in these stations.

Although the biological and acoustical data do seem to corroborate each other, a greater amount of information would have been gained if a multiple sampling net had been utilized. Concentrations and exact species depth distributions could have been assessed accurately. The migrating and non-migrating constituents of the DSL could have been distinguished from one another, and the possible contribution to scattering of the non-fish population might have been recognized.

From the data of swim bladder size and concentration of fish, calculations of scattering strengths will be made and compared with those obtained in real time.

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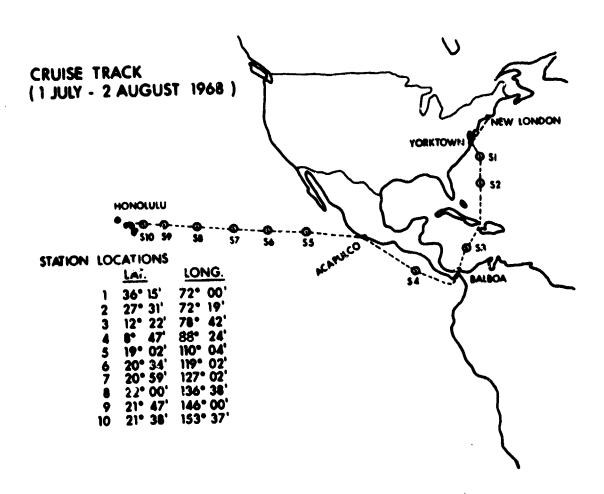


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